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September Hogs and Pigs

Michigan's total hog and pig inventory on September 1 was estimated at 1.01 million head, down 40,000 head from a year ago, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Field Office. Breeding hog inventory, at 110,000 head, was unchanged from last September. Market hog inventory, at 900,000 head, was down 4.3 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the June to August quarter at 10.10 was unchanged from last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2014 was 65.4 million head. This was down 2 percent from September 1, 2013, but up 6 percent from June 1, 2014. Breeding inventory, at 5.92 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.4 million head, was down 3 percent from last year, but up 7 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2014 pig crop, at 29.5 million head, was down 1 percent from 2013. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 million head, up 1 percent from 2013. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.16 for the June-August period, compared to 10.33 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.00 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.89 million sows farrow during the September-November 2014 quarter, up 4 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2013, and up slightly from 2012. Intended farrowings for December-February 2015, at 2.87 million sows, are up 4 percent from 2014, and up 3 percent from 2013.

Hog inventory and farrowings: Michigan and United States, September 1, 2014

Hogs and pigs	Michigan			U.S.		
	2013	2014	Change	2013	2014	Change
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Breeding	110	110	0	5,816	5,920	2
Market	940	900	-4	61,090	59,441	-3
Under 50 pounds	295	270	-8	19,824	19,517	-2
50-119 pounds	230	235	2	17,958	17,658	-2
120-179 pounds	190	195	3	12,584	12,147	-3
180+ pounds	225	200	-11	10,725	10,118	-6
Total	1,050	1,010	-4	66,906	65,361	-2
Sows farrowed, Jun-Aug	50	50	0	2,890	2,907	1
Pigs/litter, Jun-Aug	10.10	10.10	0	10.33	10.16	-2
Pig crop, Jun-Aug	505	505	0	29,862	29,539	-1
Sows farrowing, Sep-Nov ¹	49	47	-4	2,780	2,890	4
Sows farrowing, Dec-Feb ¹	49	47	-4	2,765	2,870	4

¹ Intentions.